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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Roy K Potter	2822	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment of 11/4/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20,41 and 42.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 04 November 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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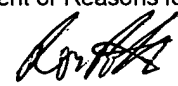
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Election

Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1 – 20 and 41 - 42 in the reply filed on 11/1/2004 is acknowledged.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Nonelected claims 21-40 have been canceled. These claims were not elected in the election made without traverse on 11/1/2004.

Reason's for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or suggest the recited multi-package module comprising stacked first and second packages, each including a die attached to a substrate, where one is a flip-chip ball grid array package and the other is inverted and the two stacked substrates are interconnected by wire bonds.

Akram et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,994,166 discloses a method or constructing stacked packages. As shown in Figure 1, the substrate 116 has die 128 attached to it.

Die 128 is wire bonded to the substrate. Substrate 140 has die 162 attached to it. Die 162 is a flip-chip. The substrates are arranged in a stacked arrangement.

Akram does not disclose that the substrates are interconnected by wire bonding. The substrates are instead interconnected by electrical connections 148.

Hsu et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,462,421 discloses a multichip module. As shown in figure 4, the module comprises first die 210 and second die 230 each attached to substrate.

Kaul et al., U.S. Patent no 5,444,296, discloses a ball grid array package.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roy K Potter whose telephone number is 571 272 1842. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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